

Shawward, Rev. James Alfred

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The University of Chicago

123 South Dearborn

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The President,  
University of Toronto.  
Toronto.

Dear President Falconer,

In order to determine my "credits" in this institution I am asked to produce "over the signature of the President or of one authorized to act for him" a detailed statement of my previous academic work. May I respectfully request you to have a statement prepared for me showing my standing in the various subjects during my undergrad. days in the department of Sciences, and also stating that I had an Autumn term lectures under Dr. Benjinger. I regret to have to put you to this trouble, but am, in anticipation, greatly obliged.

Yours faithfully  
J. A. Charrand.

This is to certify

that

The Rev. J. A. Sharrard, M. A.  
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Pursued graduate studies under Professor Benzinger  
during part of the Michaelmas Term of the Session  
1914-1915. The period covered extended from the  
opening of the Session at the first of October until  
Mr Sharrard left to carry on his studies in the  
University of Chicago.

Registrar

University of Toronto

Toronto

February 12th, 1915.



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President Falconer, LL.D.,  
University of Toronto  
Toronto.

Dear President Falconer,

It may be presumption on my part to write you regarding the possibility of my being appointed to the position vacant through the resignation of Dr. Benzinger. I do not presume to have his qualifications and if you have in view any one who may mean as much to the University as he did I do not wish to suggest my appointment.

But if there is no one of his recognized standing available, I feel that my own experience as a teacher, and my standing in Semitics would enable me to do the work in Hebrew, Arabic, or Aramaic or Syriac satisfactorily. You know my standing in the University, and my subsequent work. Dr. Davidson of Kent knows it as well as any one if you think of a reference. I am here under Dr. Price, Luckenbill, and J. P. Smith working in Semitics and, in case there were a probability of my appointment in October, would be here to the end of the summer quarter. A preceding summer quarter would give me my Doctor's standing in all probability.



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I would ask you to let this application be confidential so long as there is not a strong probability of an appointment. I am making the application because it may be possible that Mrs. Sharrood's physician may advise against her return to India. He has already provisionally done so, but is waiting to see what the year in Canada may mean to her. It is because of this that I feel free to write you in the matter, although my Indian work has a very strong appeal to me.

I should be glad to know as soon as you can definitely say whether there is any probability of such an appointment for me, as my courses here will be arranged accordingly.

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. Sharrood

February 11th, 1915

Rev. Principal Sharrard,

123 South Divinity,

University of Chicago, Ill.

Dear Principal Sharrard:

I think it altogether unlikely that we shall attempt to fill Professor Benzinger's position next year. Our finances are low, and attendance will be small, and I hope that with a reduced staff we may be able to conduct the work for the session. We found great difficulty in filling the position before Dr. Benzinger came to us, and we shall take our time now before coming to any final decision.

I regret very much that Mrs. Sharrard's health may possibly cause some change in your plans.

I am asking the Registrar to prepare a statement of your course which will be forwarded to you immediately. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.